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SUBJECT: LOS: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: HARRY BODAN SHIELDS

REF: GENEVA 6340

1. HARRY BODAN SHIELDS IS PRESIDENT ANASTASIO SOMOZA DEBAYLE'S CHIEF ADVISER ON US-NICARAGUAN RELATIONS. HE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THE TASK OF FORMULATING A FOREIGN POLICY IN TUNE WITH THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF HIS COUNTRY. BODAN SHIELDS ADVOCATES COOPERATION WITH THE US ON POLITICAL ISSUES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID, AND HE RARELY INITIATES PROPOSALS AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS WITHOUT FIRST ASKING THE ADVICE OF US OFFICIALS. HE HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY FRIENDLY TOWARD THE US SINCE VISITING THIS COUNTRY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM IN 1975. BODAN SHIELDS NEVERTHELESS CRITICIZES THE US FOR ITS POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS. BASICALLY MORE LIBERAL THAN PRESIDENT SOMOZA, HE FAVORS IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE USSR AND THE  
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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

2. DURING 1959-65 BODAN SHIELDS SERVED AS ATTACHE IN THE NICARAGUAN EMBASSY IN MADRID. IN 1965 HE RECEIVED A PHD IN INTERNATIONAL LAW FROM THE U. OF MADRID. DURING 1965-69 HE SERVED SUCCESSIVELY AS SECRETARY AND COUNSELOR AT THE NICARAGUAN EMBASSY IN PERU. HE WAS MINISTER-COUNSELOR TO

BELGIUM FROM 1969 TO 1974. IN SEPTEMBER 1977 HE LED A DELEGATION TO THE US THAT NEGOTIATED AN ARMS SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THIS COUNTRY AND NICARAGUA.

3. POLISHED AND ARTICULATE, BODAN SHIELDS, 36, HAS ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS AN UP-AND-COMING DIPLOMAT. HE IS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF ANASTASIO SOMOZA PORTOCARRERO, SON OF THE PRESIDENT. HIS FATHER, AUGUSTIN BODAN, IS CHIEF OF POLICE IN MANAGUA. BODAN SHIELDS IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER ANA MARIA CANAS MONZONILLO, A SPANIARD.

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